11th February 1955]

Handloom co-operative societies in the South Arcot district.

* 614 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the number of handloom co-operative societies in the South Arcot district;

(b) the number of co-operative societies started in the district as a result of the Ryan Scheme.

(c) the number of labourers benefited by the scheme; and

(d) the amount spent in the district towards the scheme?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) 38.

" (b) No new societies were formed but 18 existing societies worked the relief scheme.

" (c) 1,184 weavers were benefited.

" (d) An interest-free loan of Rs. 8,600 was granted by the Government towards share capital of weavers admitted and the South Arcot District Co-operative Central Bank granted a loan of Rs. 1,05,421 to the 18 societies for working capital. The loan has been fully repaid to the Bank. A sum of Rs. 8,149-4-0 was disbursed under the relief scheme among 17 weavers' societies to make good their business losses."

Construction of a sand bank across the river Vellar near Nagarathnapallam, Pudukkottai division.

* 615 Q.—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether an anicut across Vellar near Nagarathnapallam in Palayoor vattam, Alangudi taluk, Pudukkottai division, Tiruchirappalli district, is proposed to be constructed to impound river water for irrigation of lands in Nappalakudi village of Arantangi taluk, Tanjore district;

(b) if so, the cost and exact place of the construction of the anicut;

(c) whether petitions raising objections againnst the location of the anicut were received from the villagers of Nagarathnapallam, etc.;

(d) when and how the objection petitions were disposed of; and

(e) the stage of construction of the anicut?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (a) & (b) It is not proposed to construct an anicut, but only a sand bank of temporary nature is proposed to be formed across the river Vellar in S. No. 23 of Isugapatti village, Alangudi taluk. This bank will touch the S. Nos. 19 and 36 of the above village on the left and right sides respectively of the river Vellar. The work is estimated to cost Rs. 9,576.